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Chile has reached agreements for 40 million COVID-19 vaccines

Santiago, November 26th, 2020. In recent months, the Government of Chile has reached agreements with the main laboratories that have made progress in the development of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, including those that have announced positive Phase III results in recent weeks.

As a matter of fact, the Government of Chile has agreements for a total of 40 million vaccines, conditional on their respective sanitary approvals, including:

- COVAX Global Alliance, an initiative led by the World Health Organization (WHO), the European Union and Latin American countries, which will allow access to 7.6 million vaccines validated by the WHO.
- Pfizer-BioNtech: 10 million doses of the vaccine; Phase III results demonstrated that the vaccine candidate was more 95% effective against COVID-19 beginning 28 days after the first dose.
- Astra-Zeneca / Oxford: up to 10 million doses, which in interim trial data from Phase III trials has shown up to 90% efficacy.
- Janssen Laboratory with Johnson&Johnson: up to 4 million doses of the vaccine.
- SINOVAC Laboratory: up to 10 million doses of the vaccine.

In sum, the Government of Chile has pro-actively reached agreements that provide access to a total of 40 million doses of vaccines (for an estimated population of roughly 19 million), with the aim of implementing a vaccination program during 2021 with those vaccines that have proven to be safe and effective. In order to do so, a vaccination plan is being developed based on 3 stages, focused on ensuring availability in the beginning of 2021, with vaccination priority given to population at risk.